

**Frederick Access to Healthcare Coalition  
Affordability Committee**

**Meeting Notes - September 27, 2006**

Facilitator: Pat Hanberry

Facts about the uninsured and underinsured in Maryland: Sarah Penna gave an overview and several handouts. Maryland Citizens Health Initiative ([www.healthcareforall.com](http://www.healthcareforall.com)) has a detailed plan for universal coverage, combining employer-based, individual and public (Medicare/ Medicaid) insurance. One effort is to increase tobacco tax by \$1 to provide coverage for parents up to 100% of poverty, currently at 37% FPL.

Grant application for clinic: Pat provided a letter from the Frederick County Health Dept. of their intent to apply for state funds. Helen Monk updated – FCHD will work with FCPS to create a school-based health center, likely at Hillcrest. There is a new funding stream (\$6M per year) available through the Community Health Resources Commission. Frederick City Community Action Agency is also planning to apply.

Leadership, logistics: The coalition will be led by a 10-12 person steering committee, composed of chairs of each committee ( availability , affordability, needs assessment, prescription drugs), Mission of Mercy, mental health., Health Dept., FMH, Community Action Agency, Religious Coalition. Sarah Penna agreed to serve as chair of the Affordability Committee. Carol Antoniewicz will take notes.

Joint Legislative Taskforce on Affordable Health Care will hold hearings in Hagerstown on October 11. Carol Antoniewicz plans to attend, invited others to come and testify. For more information, please visit: [http://mlis.state.md.us/2006s1/hearsch/0928\\_uaq\\_1210.htm](http://mlis.state.md.us/2006s1/hearsch/0928_uaq_1210.htm)

Maryland Children's Health Program – MCHP: Unless Congress acts, Maryland will be \$64 M short in FY 2007. Carol will email 800 number to call Congress

At this meeting:

Pat Hanberry – Mental Health Assn.  
Susan Lindstrom – CASS  
Helen Monk – Frederick Co. Public Schools  
Ken Eidel - Abilities Network  
Irka Fallas - Community  
Sarah Penna – Health Care for All  
Carol Antoniewicz – Medicaid Matters! Md.  
Guy Djoken – NAACP, UNESCO  
Pat Rosensteel – Head Start

Maria Shuck, Barbara Martin confirmed their interest but unable to attend Sept. 27.

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**NOTE: Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 7-9 PM at the Abilities Network (thanks Ken!) to work on our action plan.**

Abilities Network  
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**Directions:**

- I-270 South
- Exit Rte 85 South toward Buckeystown
- Take RIGHT at Crestwood Blvd
- RIGHT at Westview Drive
- Follow Westview Drive til you come to the entrance to 5300 Office Park on LEFT (across from Bechtel)
- Take LEFT into office park and immediate RIGHT into the parking area.
- Follow parking area around toward rear of complex to Building 400.